

Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting
August 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Shawn Igoe (City of Manhattan Beach), Kristy Morris (City of Hermosa Beach), Michelle Reed (LACFCD), Ruby Wang (LACFCD), Chien Pei Yu (Caltrans) by phone, Chris Wessel (Geosyntec) by phone, Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

1. Approval of minutes from July

- a. July meeting minutes unanimously approved

2. Annual Reporting

- a. Information responses for individual annual reports needed from Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach by September 15
- b. Individual Annual Reports from Torrance and Redondo to McGowan Consulting by September 15, information submitted via WRAMPS tool (contact info submitted)
 - i. Torrance and Redondo Beach stated that they could not have their reports completed by September 15th and requested a prioritized list of essential sections needed to prepare the Watershed Report so that they could stagger their submittals
 - ii. McGowan Consulting will send an email to Leslie Cortez (Torrance), John Dettle (Torrance), and Geraldine Trivedi (Redondo Beach) with a list of prioritized sections and a staggered timeline for submittal
- c. McGowan Consulting will prepare draft watershed annual report for review November 1st assuming all the necessary information is received September 15th

3. CIMP Implementation and submittals for review—Chris Wessel

- a. Ports of LB/LA presentation - follow up discussion
 - i. Beach Cities CIMP does not require DDT or PCB monitoring for Dominguez Channel or Torrance Lateral outfalls (only applies to Dominguez Estuary and Machado Lake), unless triggered by receiving water monitoring
 - ii. DDT and PCB outfall monitoring only for Santa Monica Bay
 - iii. DDT and PCB monitoring in Dominguez Channel outfalls will only occur if triggered by downstream receiving water monitoring
 - 1. Geosyntec believes we will need to monitor for DDT at stations OF-BCEG-5 and OF-BCEG-6 based on monitoring results from LA County Mass Emission Station in Dominguez Channel
 - iv. Appendix D of the approved CIMP identifies EPA Method 608 for DDTs and PCBs in water column
 - 1. The Regional Board has requested other groups use a higher resolution method for DDT and PCBs, but did not request this from the Beach Cities group
- b. Schedule – revisions made by Geosyntec to support annual reporting deadlines

c. Permits

- i. County permit covering three sites (BCEG-04, BCEG-06, and BCEG-07) is complete for Year 1; will renew each year.
 - ii. Access permits from Manhattan Beach (BCEG-01), Hermosa Beach (BCEG-02), and Redondo Beach (BCEG-03 and -05).
 - 1. Manhattan Beach permit received, Hermosa Beach permit in the mail
 - 2. Awaiting permits from Redondo and Lawndale—have received comments on traffic control plans, including from Lawndale, and are finalizing those.
 - a. Redondo Beach will approve the actual traffic control plan, which will serve as Geosyntec's access permit
 - 3. Traffic control plan comments regarding timing of street closures
 - a. Traffic control hours in each City are restricted to 9am-3pm to avoid rush hour traffic
 - b. The group agreed that nighttime monitoring would be off the table for safety reasons
 - c. The group asked Geosyntec to provide more detail in the Activation Memo outlining when they would mobilize for a wet weather event in light of these restrictions
 - d. LA County mentioned that they are using some equipment at their Marina Del Rey site on Washington Blvd. to avoid traffic control issues
 - i. Chris Wessel will go out with Ruby Wang to the Marina Del Rey site to see the setup and determine if it might work for our sites in the future
 - ii. For this year's sampling, we will document the safety issues at these sites to justify not sampling during rush hour, and going forward we will report in annual report if we decide to make any changes
- d. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs): HASP for EcoKai and Michelson still pending, comments provided by McGowan Consulting on Geosyntec HASP
 - i. LA County requested that Geosyntec add mosquito control safety measures in the HASP
- e. Responses needed to Geosyntec on:
 - i. August 12: Deadline for comments on Activation Memo for Wet Weather Sampling (for discussion at August 9th meeting)
 - 1. Discuss notification by phone vs email
 - a. Add email addresses to Table 1
 - 2. The group wanted to include additional contacts to be notified and will each send Chris Wessel a list to add to Table 1
 - ii. September 1: Deadline for comments on Tech Memo 1.9 Exceedance Notification and Action Plan (for discussion at August 9th meeting)

1. If dry weather outfall monitoring becomes necessary for SMB outfall, e.g., Redondo Pier site, how to identify what Table E-2 parameters to monitor
 - a. The group agreed it was essential to try to eliminate any significant flows
 2. SMBBB TMDL dry and wet weather exceedance notification, for both Michelson data, City of LA, DHS data
 - a. The group asked Chris Wessel to notify them via weekly email of any exceedances at J5/6 sites
- f. NSW Investigation
- i. Follow-up inspection(s) at Herondo are planned during Winter Dry Weather (after first storm, once berm has been breached)
 - ii. Redondo Pier flow source identification – Redondo Beach investigation
 1. Redondo Beach is still investigating the source(s) of the flow
 2. Redondo Beach and Geosyntec are going to talk offline regarding the site at Redondo Pier to determine a strategy for eliminating the flow there
- g. NSW Prioritization Memo is Awaiting 2nd and 3rd screening results from City of Torrance for Dominguez Channel planned for August and September
- i. Torrance will plan to conduct one screening in August and one in September
- h. Must complete 50% of source investigations by December 28, 2016

4. Caltrans participation in CIMP

- a. Caltrans does not know whether the Beach Cities CIMP will meet their needs and may need it to be modified in order to do so
- b. Caltrans will continue to investigate whether it makes sense for them to participate

5. EWMP

- a. Leadership Committee will accept EWMPs into IRWMP at September 21st meeting
 - i. LA County will be modifying the checklist based on comments provided by the State and will then distribute to the rest of the groups to follow suit
- b. Machado Lake EWMP submittal status
 - i. Carollo has finished revising the EWMP and it is on John Dettle's desk for review
 - ii. Torrance plans to submit the revised EWMP within the next month
- c. Joint Outreach Material for Construction Sites Less than One Acre
 - i. A narrative for outreach to sites less than 1 acre was passed around to group along with an example outreach piece from the City of Stockton
 1. The group liked the level of detail in the narrative and agreed it was best to provide that level of detail and not have to reference CASQA
 2. Hermosa Beach will email the City of Santa Monica outreach pieces as examples
 3. The group discussed the option of having a separate fact sheet for each BMP vs. one long narrative

4. The group wants to run the narrative and the City of Stockton example piece by their Building and Safety people for feedback
 5. McGowan Consulting will email the narrative and the City of Stockton piece to the group
- d. Initial Discussion of EWMP Implementation MOU approach:
- i. Term of MOU
 1. The group agreed that a 3-year term with the option to renew for 2 additional years made the most sense
 - ii. The group agreed not to Include any funding/scope for RAA/adaptive management consultant, but to reference it in the MOU and include language regarding a future amendment to cover this later
 - iii. The group didn't have an opinion on including scope for tracking target load reduction via LID and green street and regional projects
 - iv. The formula for Regional project cost share will be included in this MOU, with the actual funding agreements in a separate MOU(s)
 - v. The group would like to include funding to hire a consultant to prepare grant applications in this MOU

6. Grant Applications:

- a. Prop 1 Stormwater Round 1 Implementation for Hermosa Greenbelt Infiltration submitted by July 8th deadline—waiting for results
- b. CWSRF Green Reserve with partial loan forgiveness up to \$2.5 million - rolling submittal
- c. Prop 1 IRWMP Implementation—TBD
- d. Prop 1 Urban Rivers—application due October 3rd. No match required but only \$9.4 million statewide. Not confident that our projects will demonstrate enough “urban river” characteristics or “stormwater capture and use” to be competitive. Jill Mohler/Blais & Associates suggests waiting for Round 2 to see what kinds of projects were successful and size of grant awards.

7. Additional Items for Discussion

8. Next meeting September 13th

ACTION ITEMS

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2. Geosyntec will provide more detail in the Activation Memo outlining when they would mobilize for a wet weather event in light of traffic control restrictions
3. Chris Wessel will go out with Ruby Wang to the Marina Del Rey sampling site on Washington Blvd. to see if a similar setup would work for some of the Beach Cities monitoring locations
4. Geosyntec will include mosquito control safety measures in the final HASP

5. City reps will send Chris Wessel a list of additional contacts to be added to Table 1 of the Activation Memo
6. Chris Wessel will provide weekly email notification to the group of any SMBBB TMDL exceedances at J5/6 sites
7. Redondo Beach and Geosyntec will talk offline regarding the site at Redondo Pier to determine a strategy for eliminating the flow there
8. Torrance will conduct one NSW screening of Dominguez Channel in August and one in September
9. McGowan Consulting will email the small construction site outreach narrative and the City of Stockton example piece to the Group so that they can share with their Building and Safety staff